

George Farmer was in fair condition last

chett-to the fact that he was standing in

Michael J. Cuff, captain of engine company street, was overcome by the dense smoke, but was resuccitated without difficulty.

No. 3, lesiding at 1502 South Twenty-ninth street, had his right hand seriously cut while working at the fire. One of the arteries was severed.

STATEMENT OF CHIEF REDELL.

Outer Wires Come in Contact with Ladder, Causing Fatal Shock, Chief Redell's statement regarding the

"The fire was in the rear of the building on the fifth floor, and to throw an effective

run a line of hose through the back windows. To accomplish this I ordered Lieutenant Sullivan of Hook and Ladder com pany No. 1 to station the truck in the alley at the rear of the building. Lieutenant Simpson of Hose company No. 3 was or-

'When the fire was practically extinguished and it was necessary to sweep the debris out the rear windows I ordered the men to reel the hose and remove the truck. was when they were obeying this order that the accident occurred. The ladder had been hoisted between two sets of wires. The not nearest the wall it had been leaning against, but the outer wires had not been touched by the ladder at any time. was one of these wires that caused the mischlef.

"There were a number of electricians the ladder Lieutenant Sullivan noticed a break in one of the wires and called the

the lineman, who has charge of the fire alarm service, saw it about the same time. He said to Lieutenant Simpson, who was working there, 'I wouldn't touch that line: I think it carries 2,000 volts.' Simpson replied that he would leave it alone and then went to ask the electricians about it. He the work of lowering the ladder commenced again

"The outer wires came in contact with the ladder, causing the shock that killed the

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